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Fire guts farm house

Kushog Lake Rd. man homeless for the holidays

by Allison Taylor

A newly renovated farmhouse on Kushog Lake Road was gutted by a raging fire Dec. 27, leaving one man homeless in the midst of the holiday season.

Paul Holub, the owner of the house located on Oliver Crescent on the west side of Kushog Lake, was in the middle of a three-year restoration project on an old farmhouse that once belonged to the late Holly Harrison.

Holub was not at home when the fire started and he could not be reached for comment. He lived alone in the house and no one was injured as a result of the fire.

The fire department was called into action after a neighbour noticed smoke billowing from Holub's house.

Holly's son, Keith Harrison and his wife Lesley, who are currently living on the house right beside the devastated property, were just getting out of bed when they noticed the smoke.

"I looked outside when I was making breakfast and I saw smoke coming out of the house," Keith said. After closer investigation of the source of the smoke, Keith told his wife to call the fire department.

The Stanhope fire department

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Firefighters from Stanhope and Minden Hills were called to a fire on Kushog Lake Rd. Thursday Dec. 27. See story for details.

New lake trout regulations take effect Jan. 1

by Jerry Grozelle

New lake trout fishing regulations will take effect on several Haliburton County lakes in the new year.

Drag Lake will be open to winter and spring fishing for lake trout for the first time in 14 years, starting Jan. 1, 2002. In addition, the slot limit will be removed from Miskwabi, Long and Farquhar lakes.

Ministry of Natural Resources fisheries extension biologist David Flowers of the Minden office noted that the decision to make the

changes involved public consultation. He said the slot size on Drag Lake is an experiment to test the effectiveness of the size of the slot.

"We would like to get more of the smaller fish harvested," he said. "That will give some of the fish the opportunity to grow larger."

Flowers said this experiment should start to show some results within a few years. He calls it "an adaptable management plan." The effects will be closely monitored in co-operation with the Drag Lake Property Owners' Association, the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association and local anglers.

"It's a positive step," Flowers said, adding that it will provide more angling opportunities.

"Drag Lake is a special case," Flowers added. Extensive creel census, both during the open water and winter seasons, as well as trap netting and tagging of spawning fish, will help to provide the data necessary to develop the best management strategy for the fishery.

"We have been studying genetics to see if these fish are predisposed to be smaller fish or if it is more to do with the food base," Flowers said.

In the other lakes - Miskwabi,

Long and Farquhar - the effects of the slot limits and stocking will be studied to determine the appropriate management strategy.

"Continued community co-operation is paramount to the success of these projects," Flowers said. "Three years' planning has gone into it to get to this point. It's all part of a partnership."

A workshop, he added, is planned for late spring or early summer of 2002 to provide a public update.

In the case of Drag Lake, data

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Winter fishery regulations change

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collected over the past 14 years has been analyzed by the MNR and it has been determined that the closure of the winter fishery has had no effect on the lake trout quality. Individuals and organizations with an interest in the resource have requested some action from the Ministry of Natural Resources' Minden Area Office fisheries managers. Encouragement and support of the Haliburton Lake Trout Project Steering Committee (which includes representatives from MNR, OFAH and the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association) and the Drag Lake Property Owners Association (DLPOA), led to the analysis of existing data and the preparation of a report entitled the Drag Lake Fishery Background Report.

This report is based on 14 years of assessment data supplied by the Haliburton-Hastings Fisheries Assessment Unit. It documents changes to the Drag Lake fish community, major shifts in lake trout diet from larger to smaller food items and possible causes for the decline in the recreational angling fishery. These results were presented to a small group of stakeholders and MNR researchers, data collection experts and fisheries managers in September 2000 at the Leslie M. Frost Centre, Dorset.

The consensus at that meeting was that the winter fishery on Drag Lake could be reopened, as long as some measures were implemented to limit the fishing pressure. The implementation of a slot limit is part of the management plan. For the year 2002, winter anglers will be allowed to fish with two lines through the ice. Normally, on lakes with a slot limit, only one line is permitted, but since the number of lines is governed by the federal government's Federal Fisheries Act, it will take longer to implement those changes.

The provincial natural resources ministry is empowered to change province-specific regulations. The Minister of Natural Resources, through variation order, has approved changes to vary the closed season and to initiate a slot-size regulation on Drag Lake and has also approved the elimination of size (slot) limits on Miskwabi, Long and Farquhar Lakes. The regulation concerning the number of lines used by anglers can only be changed by an Ontario Fishery Regulation amendment, which takes longer than a variation

order. Therefore, only open seasons and size limits will be in effect for 2002. In 2003 the number of lines used to fish in the winter will be reduced to one on Drag, but increased to two lines on Miskwabi, Long and Farquhar lakes.

New regulations for Drag Lake

Season length: The existing fish sanctuary regulation for Drag Lake, which restricted lake trout fishing from January 1 to the third Saturday in May, will be removed. Effective January 1, 2002 winter fishing and early spring fishing for lake trout will be permitted on Drag Lake. The closed season for lake trout will be from October 1 to December 31.

Size limit: A new slot-size regulation will be introduced for the entire fishing season on Drag Lake. Drag Lake anglers will be permitted to only harvest lake trout that are less than 40 cm (15.7 inches) or greater than 55 cm (21.7 inches) in length. All lake trout between 40 and 55 cm must be released. Fish length is measured from the tip of the mouth, with the jaws closed, to the tip of the tail, with the tail fin lobes compressed to give the maximum possible length.

Number of lines: When angling through the ice two lines will be permitted in 2002 but will be restricted to only one line in 2003. In 2003 Drag Lake will then have a one-line regulation that is consistent with other Haliburton County Lakes, which currently have similar size restrictions.

Miskwabi, Long and Farquhar lakes

Season length: No changes – open season from Jan. 1 to Sept. 30. Closed from Oct. 1 to Dec. 31.

Size limit: No size restrictions for harvested lake trout – effective Jan. 1, 2002 the slot-size regulation will be removed on Miskwabi, Long and Farquhar lakes.

Number of lines: When angling through the ice on these lakes only one line will be permitted in 2002 but this will be increased to two lines in 2003. By 2003 Miskwabi, Long and Farquhar lakes will then have consistent two-line regulations that are comparable to other Haliburton County Lakes that also have no size limit restrictions.

For Drag, Miskwabi, Long and Farquhar the lake trout catch and possession limit will remain unchanged at two for a sport fishing license and one for a conservation fishing license.



Blaze destroys farmhouse

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appeared on the scene just after 11 a.m. and had the fire under control by 1 p.m., said Fire Chief John Hogg.

Holub had left his home around 7 a.m. that morning, which meant the fire was likely smoldering for several hours before the firefighters arrived on the scene, Hogg said.

"The fire gutted the inside of the house and had a chance to burn and flash over before we even learned of the fire," Hogg said. "The house will have to be rebuilt – there wasn't much left of it."

Firefighters and inspectors were in the dark as to what caused the early morning blaze, but they quickly ruled out the holiday decorations as the source of the problem.

"The Christmas tree was located in the area where we thought that the fire originated," Hogg said. "The tree stand and the tree itself melted from the heat of the fire."

After several hours of scrutiny, Hogg said that neither the Christmas tree nor the decorations caused the fire and that there was no obvious fault in the wiring at the house either.

"The cause has been undetermined so far," he said.

The damage caused by the fire is estimated to be more than \$150,000, Hogg said.

"He was very upset," Hogg said, referring to the owner. "All his hard work went up in smoke."

The effort and workmanship Holub put into his house also caught the attention of his neighbours.

"[Holub] has worked on it diligently for the last three years," Keith said. "He spent that time by himself, rebuilding the house to the standard that it was at before the fire."

The firefighting was a joint effort after the Stanhope department called Minden Hills to ask for help with the shutting of water. "They also sent four or five men and that's what mutual aid is for," Hogg said. "It allows you to do a better job." This was the first time the two fire departments worked together to fight a fire, Hogg said.

The fire trucks cut a hole in the ice at Kushog Lake right beside the marina to fill up with water to fight the blaze, said Brenda Newell, owner of Kushog Lake Marina.

Apparently fires are rather common during the holiday season in Stanhope. For the last seven consecutive years, there has been a structure fire over the Christmas holidays, Hogg said. "Luckily no one was injured this year."

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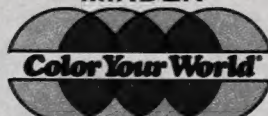
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by Allison Taylor

If the reeve of Algonquin Highlands could formulate a wish list for the township in 2002 she would likely put the Stanhope Airport at the top of her agenda.

"One of my biggest wishes or my New Year's Eve resolution this year is the hope that we can proceed to implement the completed airport master plan," said Eleanor Harrison in a phone interview Dec. 28.

The township would ideally like to complete the master plan for the airport in 2002 in order to get airport really flying. This past year the airport has had its most successful year and the council decided to extend the contract of the airport manager, John Packer, to full-time status.

While the airport is admittedly Harrison's baby, she said she sees a few challenges related to it in the future. For example the time and money the airport will require from the municipality will be massive, she said.

"It's going to require a great deal of money so that is certainly going to be an obstacle for the municipality the size of Algonquin Highlands," Harrison said.

She plans on taking the airport to the county table in the near future.

"I don't think Haliburton County will ever get another airport anywhere within its boundaries, so I think [Stanhope airport] will probably become a county airport," she said. "There will definitely be some challenges involved with that."

Not only did the airport present some of the council's greatest challenges in 2001, but the development of the master plan will likely cause more sparks to fly in 2001, Harrison said. The public's perception of the airport has also been an uphill battle for the staff and council in the township but they are working to dispel many of the misconceptions about the airport and Harrison said she is hopeful that some of the controversy will only simmer in the new year.

Looking beyond the blues of the skies and long but she does have a solid plan of the things the municipality needs to address on the ground level as the calendar year changes.

Another one of her objectives is to be able to proceed with a septage lagoon.

"We are trying to work with Minden Hills to find out what we can do with a piece of property that we own in Minden Hills," Harrison said, referring to a 45-acre property near the Pine Springs landfill site. The council is anxious to get moving with this lagoon, Harrison said.

Reeve Eleanor Harrison's wish list for Algonquin Highlands in 2002:

Endless skies

The consolidation of the township's zoning bylaw and immediate attention to the municipality's official plan are other items that Harrison would like to add to her wish list.

"I'm hoping that all of these things will come to fruition in the next year."

Harrison's eyes are directed toward the future but she is also well aware of what the township has dealt with in the past year.

One of biggest accomplishments for the township in 2001 was putting the staff and administration in place after the amalgamation.

"They work extremely well together — there's good cooperation between staff and administration and there's good cooperation between staff, administration and council," Harrison said. "That might not sound like a big deal but in a year of amalgamation it's a big thing to have a good staff in place."

If the staff and council are not working well together than it is very difficult to proceed with almost anything, especially with the items on her wish list, she said.

"We have a good council that works well together. That doesn't mean we always agree but we work well in solving our differences and moving forward and I think that is a good accomplishment."

Harrison said that amalgamation has gone extremely well for Algonquin Highlands.

She admits that the budgeting process was rather difficult, but that the bright side of the coin is starting to glimmer in the sunlight.

"[The budget] was hit and miss and a great deal of guessing," she said. "So I think that

amalgamation has gone well for us and it looks like we have had an excellent year and we are coming in under budget in probably most areas from what I can understand."

Having enough money is a huge concern but Harrison said the council was mindful of the services being offered in the community.

We didn't want to take away any services that the people are already getting, and we didn't want to reduce those services either, she said. The goal of the council was to maintain them or improve upon them.

"If at all possible we tried to increase services in 2001 we will try again in 2002," Harrison said. "We will probably take an even more serious look at it."

The reeve is confident that the cost savings resulting from the amalgamation will also start to appear in the next year.

"It was difficult in 2001, but if we take a hard look at [the numbers] at the end of the year, [the savings] might already be there."

Harrison recognizes that Algonquin Highlands is not perfect but if she could flash a magic wand she would like to see the levels of cooperation between the three levels of government in Canada improve. Better communication between these levels would help to reduce time restraints imposed on the municipalities, especially when it comes to funding.

At budget time the process could flow much easier if the levels of funding from the provincial and federal government were able to move faster and without so much red tape.

"It makes it difficult for municipalities, especially when we are waiting for confirma-

tion from say the provincial government and we are unable to move forward until we hear from them," she said. "Not that they aren't working for us and with us but I think there needs to be a faster procedure."

If anything that really pleased Harrison in 2001, she would have to pinpoint the cooperation of the council.

"To win the leadership for a newly amalgamated municipality was definitely a challenge and with a new council and you are only one person," she said. "You can sort of lead and try to direct but the fact that the council works so well together really helps."

"It's a council that works through the problems. It may not be an unanimous decision at the end but that's it. It was a council decision and you move onto the next decision." As reeve, Harrison said this unity and cooperation means a lot to her.

On a larger scale, Harrison is also facing some serious time constraints that other reeves don't necessarily have to encounter. As the warden for the county, Harrison will have to balance her time and make compromises. She isn't feeling overwhelmed.

"One of my biggest challenges along with other people at the county table, is trying to decide what we can and can't do," she said.

Harrison wants to be sure that the county level sends clear messages to the lower tier municipalities of what each level can and cannot do and "make sure there's a clear understanding of what we expect of the lower tier to ensure that things get done," she said. In other words, the county table needs to prioritize their tasks and be able to ensure specific items filter into the lower levels of the process.

Harrison is retiring from her position at Carnarvon Building Supplies in order to ensure she has sufficient time for politics.

"I have excellent support from my council which is a very big help and of course I have good family support," she said. "I think that if you have both of those things than time will make itself available to me. I am confident I can find the time to do it."

"I'm healthy and I'm happy — I'm happy with my reeve ship and I'd like to think I'm going to be happy with the wardenship," she said.

"I'm feeling great, she said with a laugh. "I'm happy with everything."

She wishes all residents in Algonquin Highlands a happy New Year and a healthy and prosperous 2002.

Next week: an interview with Township of Minden Hills reeve Ross Rigney.



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City of Kawartha Lakes OPP say a southbound 1998 Pontiac driven by Jennifer Louise Blight crossed the centre line and collided with a northbound 1999 GMC Suburban, which was driven by Ronald Robinson of Bowmanville. Jennifer Blight was killed instantly. Her 21 month-old son Dylan Blight was transported by ambulance to Ross Memorial Hospital in Lindsay, where he was treated for minor injuries.

Robinson, his wife and three children were transported to the Minden Hospital where they were treated for non life threatening injuries.

As a result of the investigation, County Road 121 was closed for five hours between Kinmount and County Road 49.

Police are asking anyone who may have witnessed anything leading up to the collision to contact the City of Kawartha Lakes OPP Detachment.

Murdered man's remains found near Gooderham

by Martha Perkins

Police are releasing very few details about the Highlands discovery of the remains of a Cameron man who was murdered some time earlier this month.

The skies above Gooderham were buzzing on Saturday, Dec. 23 when an OPP helicopter augmented a massive search for clues after the remains were found just off Contau Lake Road.

A post mortem at the Chief Coroner's Office in Toronto confirmed that the remains were those of Kent Robert Knights, a 35-year-old man from the village north of Lindsay.

The post mortem also determined that the cause of death was a beating.

Knights was last seen alive Dec. 1 and an acquaintance reported him missing Dec. 11.

This prompted a search of the Cameron area, where Knights owned property. He was not originally from the area and was taking academic upgrading courses at Sir Sandford Fleming College in Lindsay.

The Dec. 21 issue of *Kawartha Lakes This Week* says officers with the City of Kawartha Lakes OPP and the emergency response team, along with the OPP helicopter and canine units, conducted the first search of the Cameron area, where Knights was last seen.

ATVs were later used to continue the search.

In a press release issued Dec. 24, the OPP says the search for Knights led officers to a property in Glamorgan Township.

"It was a result of our investigation that led us to that particular location," says Detective Inspector Jim Wilson of the OPP Criminal Investigations Branch, who is directing the investigation with the City of Kawartha Lakes OPP Crime Unit.

Wilson would not comment on public speculation about the state of the remains. "We've used the terminology that human remains were found as far as decomposition or any evidence in relationship to the body [is concerned]."

Canine unit assists

Called in to help with the investigation Dec. 23 were an OPP helicopter, a forensic anthropologist, a canine cadaver unit and the Emergency Response Team, among others.

Police were present in Gooderham until late last week.

Wilson says it's possible police will return to the area as the investigation continues.

Meanwhile, anyone with any information that could help the police with their investigation is asked to phone the Kawartha Lakes OPP at 705-324-6741 or CrimeStoppers at 1-800-222-8477.

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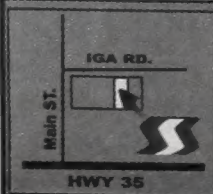
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Boxing Day 'shoppaganza!'

They shopped 'till they nearly dropped in Minden

by Allison Taylor

They weren't necessarily flouncing out of the stores with freight-loads of sale merchandise, but a steady stream of bargain hunters could be found along the main street in Minden reveling in boxing day sales last week.

"I'm finding all kinds of sales," said Judy Main, standing with her arms brimming with rolls of Christmas wrapping paper Dec. 27. She was hunting down the discounts being offered on various Christmas decorations and other related items at V&S in Minden. "If I can get a good deal then I will even buy gifts for next year."

Many of the local stores were closed on the official Boxing Day, but they re-opened one day later Dec. 27 with plenty of bargains.

"I've always been a bargain hunter," Main said with a laugh. "I've got loads of energy, especially when things are half-price."

Main was nearly beaming from ear-to-ear with the sheer joy of boxing day shopping, especially after getting such good bargains.

She and her husband waited until after Christmas to make their big holiday purchase — a big-screen TV. The couple drove to Lindsay Dec. 27 to buy an entertainment box.

This is why local stores don't offer as many sales during the boxing week, said Paul Reng, owner of Minden Books and Stationary. Shoppers would rather go to a larger shopping centre where they have more options, he said. "That's just the way it is."

However, while many families do tend to travel for their deals, there are still some who like to see what the local stores are selling, or try to visit as many stores as possible both locally and out of town.

Take the Mains, for example. Although they did partake of shopping in Lindsay, on their return trip to the Highlands they decided to stop in Minden to see what other deals they could track down.

V & S owner John Thomas said the boxing day sales have been "brisk" so far this year.

"It hasn't been crazy or anything like that but things are moving pretty well," he said.

None can compare to the run-up in sales to Christmas of course, but Thomas said many customers take advantage of

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Don and Bea Berry buy some wrapping paper from cashier Ainslie Thomas Dec. 27 at V&S in Minden.

Boxing Day sales to start shopping for next year or to buy wrapping paper and ribbon.

This year's sales have been on par with previous boxing day sales, he said. While it was too early to start comparing the actual numbers from last year, he was pleased that people were still shopping in the wake of a deteriorating economy and the aftermath of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

"I didn't know what to expect this year," he said. "I didn't know if people would hold back and so far I haven't noticed any difference."

Across the street at Minden IDA, manager Nancy Walker said "an awful lot of people have been in and buying merchandise."

"They are looking for things for next year, like wrapping paper, boxed cards and stuff like that," she said. "It's certainly busier than a regular weekday."

Walker said she couldn't imagine spending any more money herself but was encouraged by the animate shoppers.

"We've had a really good Christmas season," she said.

Although the Home Hardware store doesn't run a big post-Christmas sale, manager Rod Titus said a few more people had been frequenting the store over the boxing week.

"This time of year is never really busy," he said. "We don't get Boxing Day like the city folks do."

The sales lured Judy Chapman to the sale section at V & S. "I don't go out to Boxing Day sales usually," she said.

"The time after Christmas should be for people to spend time with family."

Chapman was out on a mission to buy a shower gift but she couldn't resist the 50% discounts offered on some of the gift bags. "I just have a couple of things."

Snow has been a large factor in the entire holiday shopping equation, Thomas said.

The white stuff encourages the shopping spirit and now that some of it has descended on the Highlands, shoppers are ready to start buying some of the winter essentials, like gloves, hats and scarves, Thomas said.

"People weren't in the 'gotta buy frame of mind until the snow fell," he said.

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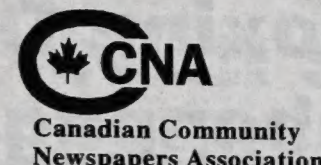
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New Years resolutions

Editorial

Wouldn't it be nice to have a dollar — even a deflated Canadian dollar — for every New Years resolution that will be broken over the next few weeks? Even those resolutions by smokers who vow to quit in 2002 and break their resolutions would add up to a tidy sum.

Good luck to those who do resolve to make some improvement to their lifestyles with the tolling of the bells at midnight tonight. Here's hoping you have the stamina, fortitude, courage, determination, grit and whatever else it takes to achieve your goals. Especially those smokers among us who have decided to make 2002 a smoke free year for yourselves and your families. Yours will be a difficult task — one that will require more determination and willpower than the average person can muster. Take some comfort in the fact that all of us non-

smokers are rooting for you. It has been done before and, if you succeed, you will join an elite group of people who have kicked the habit.

The only way to guarantee avoidance of the disappointment associated with the failure to live up to the goal of a resolution is to

People seem too anxious to blame their actions on somebody or something else. Too much to drink; a deprived or traumatic childhood; a fit of anger; temporary insanity; a bad hair day; or any number of other excuses have been used in an attempt to shift responsibility.

not make any resolutions in the first place. For those who are game for a challenge — go for it.

Following is a resolution that would be welcomed by most of us:

The resolution to take responsibility for

one's own actions. People seem too anxious to blame their actions on somebody or something else. Too much to drink; a deprived or traumatic childhood; a fit of anger; temporary insanity; a bad hair day; or any number of other excuses have been used in an attempt to shift responsibility. Actions

that should be avoided probably would be avoided if only the realization that such actions could result in adverse consequences for which one would be required to take responsibility.

It's human nature to take responsibility (credit) for a good deed, but by contrast, refuse to accept responsibility (blame) when our actions are stupid, inappropriate or criminal.

With that little rant out of the way, here's wishing everyone a happy, healthy, prosperous and responsible New Year.

jg

Water issue points out communications problem

To the Editor:

I am writing to thank you for your very accurate reporting of my appearance before council on Minden Hills on 20 December, 2001. Your reporter was very much on point when she picked up on my frustration trying to deal with the bureaucracy at the Municipal Offices. It seemed to me that the present council has managed to become buried in that old "I didn't get your message hideaway." The only other place that I know with such bad communications is Afghanistan!

I feel that Councillor Oyler recognizes the problem and also Deputy-Reeve McMahon. I got the impression they will take the necessary steps to correct their mail situation. It is unfortunate that Reeve Rigney did not realize that members of his staff were opening (and dealing with) correspondence without his knowledge, but in his name.

The organization that is looking after our water system (OCWA) is also looking after the Walkerton system and I'm not sure it bodes well for them.

Predated letters seem to me to be somewhat slop-

py. I am concerned when they inform me that coffee-coloured water is both normal and acceptable. Maybe they should be required to drink it!

One last thing - I have been notified that Council has decided not to honour my claim. It is too bad they didn't tell me at the council meeting, but then I

"got the message" at the meeting. They chose to "trust" the mails to notify me by mail. It is a wonder that the letter wasn't pre-dated as well!

M.J. (Mike) Maher
Minden

Minden is a small town with a big heart

To the Editor:

On behalf of the Minden Health Care Auxiliary, we would like to thank the people of Minden for their support in our endeavours over the past 16 months. The merchants, especially, have been very generous.

Recently, we were making up goodie bags for the Hyland Crest residents; the support was tremendous! Between the volunteer auxiliary members, the Hyland Crest residents and families and members of the community, and again, the great support from the merchants of Minden, we feel it was a great success. You can only get this in a small town, but it is a small town with a BIG HEART.

Thanks again to everyone and have a happy New Year.

Corinne Arsenault
For the Executive of the Minden Health Care Auxiliary

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Thinking ahead about the good old days

It's not uncommon for those of my generation to hear that age-old lament, "You've got it easy now. Back in my day, things were tough!" Those lines have started more tales of woe than the words, "Daddy, I just passed my driver's exam!" Yet, I've never disputed them because, as I get older, the day looms nearer when I can see myself making good and annoying use of those sentences too.

Maybe it's a rite of passage - like stewed prunes and bifocals - but one day, I can envision some young buck, my grandson perhaps, complaining that his 3-D television reception isn't what it should be. That's when I'll pipe up and tell him that's nothing compared to the hardships I endured in my youth.

As he squirms uneasily in his anti-gravity chair, I will lament about the time when we lived without so much as cable or a satellite dish. Of course, I'll only do so if his children aren't around - I don't see the need to cause nightmares.

"You didn't watch TV?" He'll say incredulously.

"Of course, we watched television," I'll reply. "It's just that the blank screen got boring after a while."

Okay, I will admit that this doesn't have the same impact as, say, walking eighteen miles to school each day in the heart of winter. But as our civilization moves forward it seems that there are fewer really good things to complain about. It makes me wonder what my generation has to look forward to when we get old.

Of course, I could whine about that. But, then again, who'd listen?

Still, I'm betting that if that young fellow carries any of my genes at all, these tales of television deprivation will have suitable impact. He probably won't believe that anyone could put up with such misery outside of that already sanctioned by the hallowed institute of marriage. But I'll prove it by showing him a bank account filled to the brim with all those savings

from not having cable or satellite service for years.

I imagine he'll stand there awestruck and silent just as I do now whenever somebody tells me how they used to play hockey with a crunched up tin can and two broken crutches borrowed from "Slick", the poor kid who got his legs caught in the butter churn.

Hopefully, my grandson will be properly horrified.

"But, if you didn't watch TV, what did you talk about?" he might ask.

"Stuff," I'll reply gruffly, just to dazzle him with the art of conversation as I learned it.

There will be a long silence while he reflects on his good fortune and I have an unexpected nap. Then I'll jerk awake to describe how we used to read as well.

"So you actually read books, newspapers and magazines?"

He says pointing to the stack of novels that decorate his wall beside the bucksaw, knife-edged scale, and side-hill plow.

"Not only did I read," I'll reply proudly. "I wrote as well. That's how I made my living."

"What'd you write?" He'll ask, showing a genuine, if not misguided, interest in ancient history.

I'd happen to have a favorite column or two in my wallet. Laminated. I pass them over.

I watch intently for laughter or any other sign of life as he reads my work. I can tell he's done only because his lips stop moving. Suddenly, he looks up, smiling weakly.

"It's no wonder that the print medium died, huh?"

That's when I'll rap his knuckles with my cane and tell him to shut up so we can watch some more mindless entertainment in 3-D Technicolor.



BEYOND 35
BY STEVE GALEA

*Yes, you can
get a free ride.
Why didn't I
think of that?*

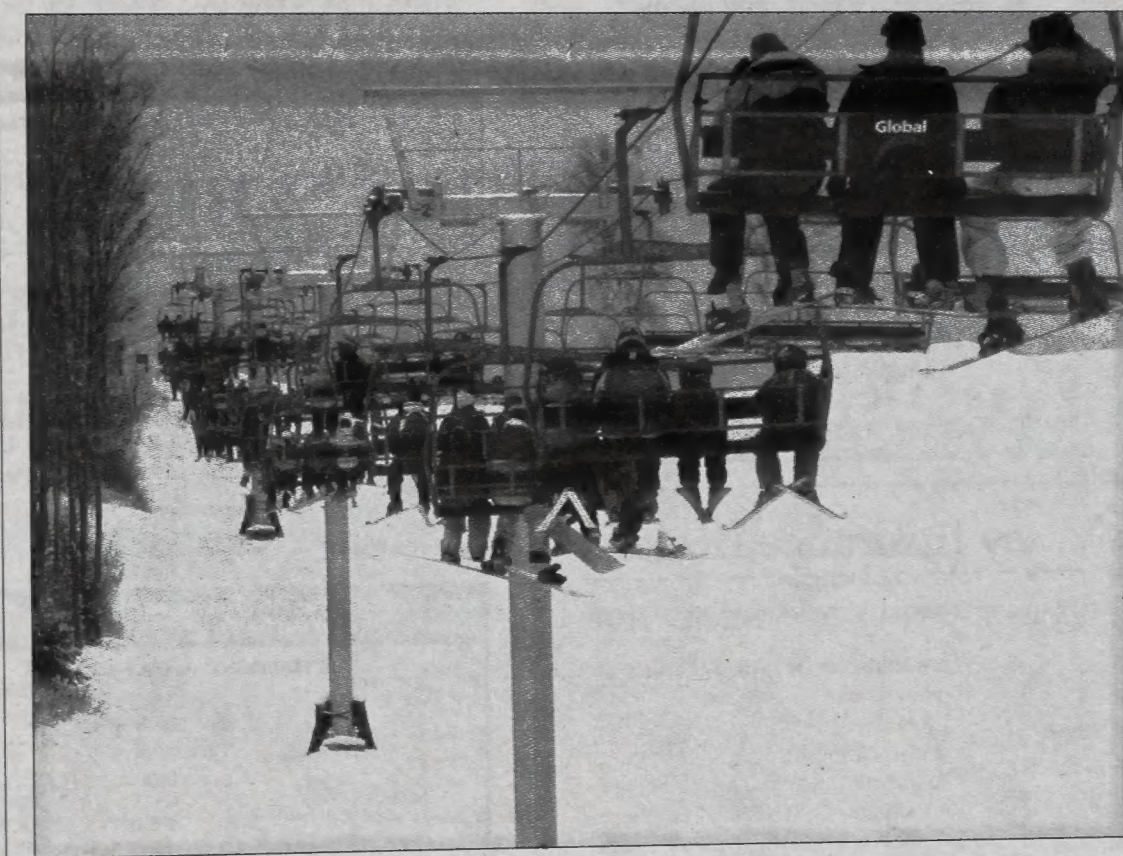
There's an old (albeit ungrammatical) saying that goes: there is nothing so powerful as an idea whose time has come.

Too true. Great notions are exceedingly rare, but overpowering in their impact. Only once in an excruciatingly long while does a tiny fleck of gold trickle through the moraine of overburden that is life and crystallize into an idea. An idea that, once recognized, we can't believe we ever lived without.

I don't mean grandiose propositions like the Pythagorean Theorem, Polio vaccine or the microchip. I'm talking about the teensy-weensy, non-explosive but pivotal ideas that change our lives forever. Ideas like the barbed fishhook. Beer. The bicycle. Call Display. I'll tell you one other great idea - the one that came one day to Ramon Stoppelenburg.

Ramon is a guy in his twenties who lives in The Netherlands. Like a lot of adventurous twenty-somethings, Ramon had a fierce, unsatiated desire to travel, to see the world. Unfortunately, like a lot of twenty-somethings in this MacDonaldised world, Ramon didn't have the wherewithal to get out of town, much less cruise around the planet. Which is where Ramon's great idea kicks in.

One day, while cruising the 'net, Ramon came across a website called sendmeadollar.com. (Another great idea - some nerdy layabout puts his name and address on the website and asks everyone



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DARREN LUM/Staff

to send him a buck. Even if only one out of a hundred browsers respond positively, said layabout is not going to be washing dishes for a living.) But I digress. The point is, Ramon wasn't looking for a free ride - just a cheap one.

So he set up his own website entitled: www.letmestayforaday.com. The concept was simple. If you agreed to put up Ramon for a day - wherever in the world you lived - Ramon would show up, be gracious, not ask for extra bath towels, and more important - he would post the details of his stay with you on the aforementioned website. And not just bare bones, been-here, did such-

and-such stuff. Ramon maintains a log on his website where he writes extensively about all the places he fetches up at. He writes about the castle in northern Ireland where he had to trudge 15 minutes just to find the 'loo. He also chronicles the tiny, one-room bachelor flat in Paris where a virtually impoverished woman welcomed him in and insisted that he share her meal of beef stew. Even though she owned but one shallow bowl.

So... is his idea a success? Well... Ramon's website, at last check, was registering thirty

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Etcetera
Arthur Black

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THOUSAND hits per day. All from people practically begging Ramon to come and stay with them. It's become so intense that now you have to compose a really, really excellent email to convince Ramon it's worth his while to stay with you. At your expense.

Ramon went on line with letmestayforaday.com just last year. So far, he has visited England, Ireland, Scotland, Wales, France, Germany, Italy, Belgium, Austria, Hungary and South Africa. His travel bill for this romp? Zero. That's the other thing about Ramon. He travels without cash or credit card, depending utterly, a la Tennessee Williams, "on the kindness of strangers."

His story has inspired admirers to sponsor his travel between continents. No staterooms or first-class lounges - just economy ticket transportation. And guess what - Ramon's got his sights set on a trip across Canada in the near future.

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Shoppers show Christmas spirit in support of OPP's food drive

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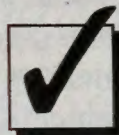
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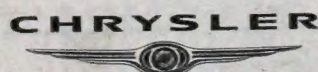
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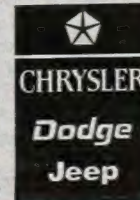
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Lisa Burk represents Haliburton County at bowling tournament

by Jerry Grozelle

Lisa Burk was one of 72 enthusiastic athletes from across the province who participated in the 2001 Master Bowlers' Association/Ontario Special Olympics Invitational Doubles Tournament. Lisa Burk represented the Haliburton County Ontario Special Olympics Red Wolves 5 Pin Bowling Team at the November 24 and 25 event in Toronto.

Proudly supporting the local bowler were her Ontario Special Olympics coaches Mary McKelvey and Heather McKelvey, along with head coach Linda J. Brandon.

"The Red Wolves would like to express their gratitude to the Kinsmen Club of Minden, the Rotary Club of Minden, Ed and Pauline Sharp, Irene Rahme, Stephen Taylor, David Honderich and Wayne

Jacobson, whose financial support provides many wonderful opportunities for the team," said head coach Linda Brandon. "Secondly, thank you to Joe Ricci, OSO Co-ordinator, Gerry Howarth, announcer for the Toronto Blue Jays and especially to Lisa's partner Shawn Morris, Master Bowler from Newmarket. Your combined inclusive tournament efforts make the biggest difference of all."

During the competition, Lisa bowled 150 balls and her effort exemplified the true spirit of the Special Olympics Oath, which is: "et me win! But if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt."

The Red Wolves team, its officials and the community she represented at the tournament are proud of Lisa Burk's competitive spirit.



Lisa Burk, Red Wolves 5 Pin Bowling Team member representing Haliburton County, right, is seen here at the 2001 Masters Bowlers' Association/Special Olympics Invitational Doubles Tournament with her partner for the event Master Bowler Shawn Morris (left) and Gerry Howarth, Voice of the Blue Jays.

Carnarvon bowler Chris Hill rolls 308 single

Tuesday Afternoon League

High average: Ken Thompson 215; Mona Benn 184

High single: Chris Hill 308; Betty Henderson 227

High single (handicap): Chris Hill 325; Betty Henderson 292

High triple: Ed Braithwaite 678; Mona Benn 551

High triple (handicap): Ross Henderson 766; Isa Hilyer 745

Wednesday Afternoon League

High average: Ken Thompson 219; Mona Benn 189

High single: John Pugh 220; Mona Benn 263

High single (handicap): Fred Phipps 257;

Mona Benn 293

High triple: John Pugh 614; Mona Benn 671

High triple (handicap): Fred Phipps 726; Mona Benn 761

Thursday Afternoon League

High average: Doug Burtch 214; Moe Briscoe 170

High single: Doug Burtch 250; Maraylene Welch 189

High single (handicap): Leroy Eager 278; Betty Henderson 246

High triple: Doug Burtch 642; Moe Briscoe 511

High triple (handicap): Paul Cameron 725; Moe Briscoe 718

Minden skaters earn badges

Members of the Minden Skating Club were presented with their CanSkate badges at the annual Christmas Party last week. Following are the badge recipients for each category:

Stage 1: Lisa Kim, Shae McNaul, Jena Bailey, Taylor Bennett and Melissa Cooper.
Stage 1 and 2: Christopher

Arsenault, Chanelle Hosken, Alexandra Litwin, Hayley Moore, Jordan Moore, Emily Shapiera, Hannah Reddering, Erin Little and Jordan Watts.

Stage 2: Hayley Acorn.
Stage 1, 2 and 3: Tim Litwin and Nicole Reddering.

Stage 3: Brooke Saunders, Kaitlyn Doiron and Kelsey Acorn.

Stage 3 and 4: Jessica

Carrell, Rebecca Northey and Laura Pottier.

Stage 5 and 6: Daniel Boisvert.

Stage 6: Kaitlyn Allore.

As well as passing into the test stream, Kaitlyn Allore passed two Skate Canada preliminary dances on December 10.

See photo on page 11.



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Skaters honoured

The Minden Skating Club instructors Janene Greer (back, right) and Kim Sisson stand behind their proud students. Club members were recently awarded their various badges.

Novice B2 Storm
enjoying an
incredible season

by Mark Freeman

The Novice B2 Highland Storm team, sponsored by UAP Auto Parts, has had an extremely good start to this year's hockey season, losing only once, tying once and defeating all others. This record allows the team to advance with the Novice B1 team.

The team's goalie, Colby Cunningham, had three shutouts in the first loop and now, four games into the second loop, has already matched that number. With the defensive play of assistant captain Kelly Outram, Matt Rae and Aaron Hillier, any opposing forward line will have its work cut out for it. The forwards include Brady Kent, Riley Maracle, Nick Freeman, Marcie Dick and captain Ryan Richards, who could all be described as relentless, making any goalie's day a very busy one.

This nine-player group would like to thank and acknowledge

the welcomed efforts of two Tyke players — Stephan Schollig and Ryan Hunter, who are called up often.

With a shining record of 15 wins, one tie and one loss at this time. We look forward to the challenges ahead of us. It looks to be a very exciting future ahead for a team that shows improvement with every game played.

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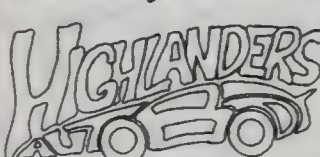
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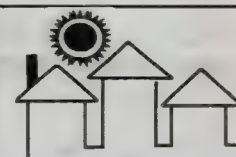
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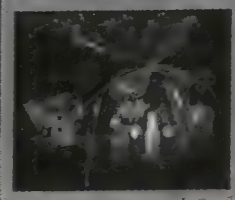
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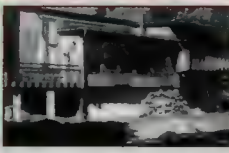
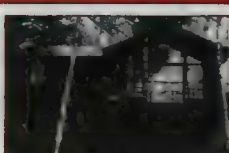
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Who'll fix the lights in Algonquin Highlands?

By Allison Taylor

The following is a brief synopsis of discussion held during the December 20 Algonquin Highlands council meeting.

A light went off for the Township of Algonquin Highlands on December 20, as the impact of Ontario Hydro deregulation trickled into another responsibility for the council.

As of May 31, 2002, any streetlights in the Township will no longer be the responsibility of Hydro One, but will be another responsibility for the council to oversee.

"Like other electricity distributors in Ontario, we now operate under a distribution license which requires us to only provide services that relate directly to the delivery of electricity," said Anthony Horton, director of customer relations at Hydro One, in a letter addressed to the Township.

For many years, Ontario Hydro has been maintaining streetlights in the communities, but as the new legislation prohibits the now Hydro One from providing this service, Council is left in the dark, literally.

So if a light goes out, will anybody be around to fix it?

Reeve Eleanor Harrison is interested in finding people who are qualified to do the job, suggesting the council start putting out inquiries.

The problem is that technicians have to be certified to climb a hydro pole, said Administrator-Clerk Gerald Bain.

"You have to have two certified technicians, even if they are just going to change a light bulb," Bain said.

Hydro One is giving ample notice of their halt in maintenance.

"Consider your options...to avoid a disruption to your streetlight maintenance service," Horton said.

The council will be on the lookout for those qualified to deal with streetlights in the Township.

Warden appointment

The recently appointed Warden of the Haliburton Highlands, thanked the members of the Algonquin Highlands Council and the staff for their support.

"It's a tough job, it's not going to be easy," Harrison said. "It's good to have the support of council and staff. I couldn't have that type of a position for one year without this type of support."

On the day of the appointment Harrison said she received a bouquet of flowers from the council and staff.

Paddling on the FM dial

The next tax billing in Algonquin Highlands won't be full of flyers, inserts and supplementary junk mail, if council has anything to do with it.

In an effort to promote a proposed non-profit radio station on the FM dial, Canoe FM asked the council if they could put an insert in the next municipal tax billing.

The radio station proposed an insert of cartridge type paper, approximately one third of standard 8 1/2 by 11 paper, with printing on both sides. One side would contain information about the non-profit status of Canoe FM, and on the reverse side, a mail-in coupon.

Harrison's red light warning went off as she thought back to the havoc and huge paper trails from last year.

"It's getting out of hand," she said. "I just don't know where you draw the line but we have to this year. It got way out of hand last year."

Harrison said the Township needed to focus on information specific to the Algonquin Highlands taxpayer, like an information flyer about the Stanhope Airport, she said.

"I would like our taxpayers to know exactly what is going on with the airport," Harrison said. "There is a lot of misinformation on our airport."

Thinking the flyer could be called "Airport Matters," Councillor Jim Hicks was on side with Harrison.

"We need to look after ourselves first, and our own community," Harrison said.

The flyer will not likely be found in the next municipal tax billing, although the radio station volunteered to assist in the stuffing process.

Septic Tanks Reinspection Program

Algonquin Highlands can't decide if they want the Health Unit to run the 202 reinspection program of septic tanks in the Township.

The original quote from the Health unit was \$52 per property for 1,400 lots.

The problem with the deal is that students would be conducting the inspections, and council is not certain if they would be qualified to carry out the job.

Administrator-Clerk Gerald Bain said he was waiting for a response from the Health Unit, to find out what expertise the students would have, and what the per property fee would include.

The council has learned that Boss Engineering would charge \$72 per property, but they use certified technicians to do the deed.

"For \$20, there might be a long-term saving," Bain said.

Harrison is convinced that the experts would do a better job. "I think we should direct (Bain) to contact Boss Engineering to get a proposal," she said. "The service is well worth the extra money."

Regardless of what they decide, a determination on the 2002 septic tank reinspection program will have to be made before the next budget for the Algonquin council, Harrison said.

The birth of a new committee

Council decided to establish a distinct

committee to deal with special projects in the Township.

Officially called the Algonquin Highlands Special Projects Committee, the group will be responsible for researching special projects, as designated by council, and also for making recommendations on those matters.

The following people have been appointed to the committee for the period ending December 31, 2003: Jan McDonald, Lori MacKay, Charlie Robb, Burt Bonnell, Charlee Boudeau, Kathy Causel, Alf Helleman, Councillors Don Shortreed and Tom Gardner.

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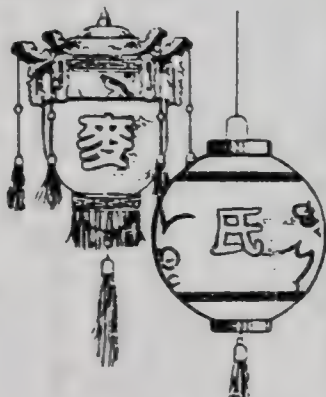
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An easy ride on the slopes



Darren Lum/Times

Lookout below: The slopes are open at Sir Sams and the winter season has official begun. Skiers of all ages, shapes and sizes are strapping on their boots, piling on their warm hats and mittens and are heading for the hills.

Minden Hills fire coverage extended to entire township starting January 1

It's official – Lutterworth residents call 286-1212

by Cathy Olliffe

Who do you call if your house is on fire? Starting January 1, if the fire is anywhere in the Township of Minden Hills, you call 286-1212.

This is a new, and fairly major, change to the way Minden Hills deals with fires. Before amalgamation, fire coverage in parts of Lutterworth and Snowdon townships was supplied by other fire departments. Since amalgamation, the City of Kawartha Lakes has continued to cover those parts of Minden Hills. But when Minden Hills started getting big bills from Kawartha Lakes for what were relatively minor fire calls, Minden Hills started to look at other ways of handling the issue.

Councillor Ron Buchanan, who serves as the township representative on the town-

ship's fire committee, asked Minden Hills firefighters if they were interested in providing coverage for the entire township and he was assured they could do the job. So, at the December 20 council meeting, councillors voted to have Minden Hills firefighters provide fire protection for the entire municipality.

The issue had been addressed in previous committee meetings but it wasn't until December 20 that council passed the actual resolution.

The township will now embark on a campaign to let everyone know about the change but even if people inadvertently call Kawartha Lakes for an emergency, their information will be forwarded to the Minden Hills department.

Still, ads will be placed in newspapers, cottage associations will be notified and information will be sent out in the next tax bill.

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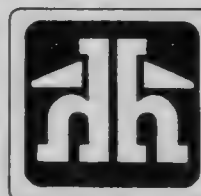
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Around the Town

by Patti Fleury

E-mail: brucefleury@ptbo.igs.net

I really enjoy Boxing Day. While the radio reports big city malls crowded with shoppers stocking up on bargains for next Christmas, here at the farmhouse all is calm, all is bright. Excited little ones have departed, and cold turkey sandwiches [with Miracle Whip Salad Dressing of course] are the house luncheon special. In the new addition, the bushy spruce cut fresh from our field glows with multi coloured lights and an odd array of assorted ornaments which bring back so many memories. In the living room of the original old Ontario style house is the artificial tree with its white lights and gold balls only theme. As one of my New Year's resolutions I have decided to give up reading those country decorating magazines. No one seemed to really notice the theme tree except Clarence the cat, who even after several misadventures, is still determined to reach its top branch.

Mineral/geology enthusiasts should take note of a meeting on Wednesday, January 9, 2002, sponsored by the Haliburton Highlands Trails and Tours Network in conjunction with U-Links to explore the opportunities for mineral and geology tourism in Haliburton County. The meeting will be at 7 p.m. at the U-Links office on the second floor of the Minden Hills Township Office at 7 Milne Street, Minden. Please use the side entrance, and for more information call Laura at 286-1760.

A call to meet goes out to all members and friends of the Galway and Area Ratepayers

Association Inc. and residents of New Galway. The Annual General Meeting will be held at the Galway Community Centre on the Galway Road [south and east of Kinmount] on Saturday, January 12 beginning at 9:30 a.m. with the business meeting from 10 a.m. to 12 noon and social to follow. For more information contact Bruce Fleury at 488-2938

The Kinmount Artisans Marketplace will remain open Fridays through Mondays over the winter, normally from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., except Mondays when they close a bit earlier at 2 p.m. Watch for details about future classes and the "creative kindness" project which keeps the Emergency Department at our new Minden Hospital and the Kinmount and District Community Health Centre supplied with bears to be given to patients. Renewal membership notices will be sent out in mid January to members of the Kinmount and Area Artisans Guild, which operates the Marketplace, holds classes and other special events.

Scoring News

Tuesday, December 18, Stanhope Fire Hall Seniors Social Mixed Shuffleboard League Results [Tuesday Afternoon]: High score winners were Leroy Eager and Ellen Holden 246, Betty Lockhart and Helen Skelding 237, and Alf Briscoe and Hazel Doorman 229. The low score combo was Connie Sawyer and Howard Smith 80.

Wednesday, December 19, Bid Euchre at Stanhope: Gala Stamp reports a great

turnout for an evening complete with catered dinner. A special treat was the bagpipe music by Sharon and Rob Evan's granddaughter Katie. This has been a very busy time for Katie who has played in six Santa Claus parades. As to scores, moonshot winners were Jean Dutka, Ray Moore and Rob Evans had two. Trudy Kroes was the 50/50 winner with Marion Farr 294, Gala Stamp 290, and Trudy Kroes 269 recording the high pink scores. For the whites, high scores went to Stan Hill 306, Marcel Roussel 272, and David Lamb 241.

Wednesday, December 19, Kinmount Seniors Euchre: High ladies scores went to Isa Hilyer with Audrey Vick second. Low lady was Barb Dunbar. Harold Harvie was high man with Glenda Swanton second. Roger Fournier took the low man score and also shared the wealth with Bob Vick. Christmas gifts were won by Nora Swinson and Jim Corbett.

Thursday, December 20, Euchre at the Minden Legion: Esther Lee had the most lone hands for the ladies and Bill Van Dyke for the men. Ladies high score winner was Margaret Fletcher with Pat Scadden the high scorer for the men. Low lady was Elva Paisley with Dean Chambers low man. Other prize winners were Elva Paisley, Barb Robitaille, Verna McDonald and Thelma Francis.

Saturday, December 22, Bid Euchre at Staunworth Terrace: What a great evening Ruth Kellett reports with 22 players turning out. Shirley Elcome was first with 308 and

Ruth Kellett second with 290. Hidden scores went to Milton Fletcher. Bill St. Thomas and Ida Young. A record was set with eight moonshots, going to Ida Young, Milton Fletcher, Rob Evans, Ruth Kellett, Elli Langpohl, Shirley Elcome, Iris Taylor and Elva Paisley.

Monday, December 24, Bid Euchre at Kinmount: High score was Esther Lee with Bill St. Thomas second. Rob Evans and Marjorie Paradis had moonshots, with Marjorie also sharing the wealth with Ruth Kellett. Rob Evans was the lucky winner of a special Christmas gift. The next Monday Euchre is scheduled at the Legion on January 7 and the Wednesday Bid Euchre is on January 2.

The closing paragraph for this week's column was written by our granddaughter Emma, who is 13. Emma cottages with her parents on Crystal Lake so we still enjoy their company on a regular basis. She writes as follows. When I think of the word "Christmas" I think of the most wonderful time of the year. I think of family and friends and excited faces opening up their gifts, especially the handmade ones. I think of the preparation that goes into that most amazing meal but most of all I think of my amazing life and how fortunate I am. It is my time to realize that family is the most important thing in the world. I could live without new "pj's" but never without my family. As Tiny Tim says in Dickens' "Christmas Carol" comes my wish for you "God bless us everyone."



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NOTICE (File No. SRA-01-07)

Applicant – GEOFFREY AND SUSAN LOGAN

IN THE MATTER OF the Municipal Act; and

IN THE MATTER OF a proposed by-law of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills to stop up, close and convey to the adjoining landowner, portions of the original shore road allowance along the shore of GULL LAKE, lying in front of Lot 12, Concession 9, in the geographic Township of Lutterworth.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 300(1)(a) of the Municipal Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended, that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills proposes to consider, and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Milne Street, Minden, Ontario, on Thursday, January 24, 2002 at the hour of 10:00 a.m., a by-law to stop up, close and convey those parcels of land more particularly described as follows:-

Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of GULL LAKE, lying in front of Lot 12, Concession 9, geographic Township of Lutterworth, designated as Part 2 on a Plan of Survey 19R-7192, registered October 25, 2001.

The plan of survey is available for inspection in the former Lutterworth Municipal Office, Hwy. #35 South of Minden, Ontario during regular office hours.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that before passing the said by-law at the meeting to be held at the time and place above-mentioned, the Council shall then and there, hear in person or by his or her counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his or her land will be prejudicially affected by the said by-law and who applies to be heard.

DATED AT THE Township of Minden Hills, this 24th day of December, 2001.

Brendan Bérubé,
Planning Administrator,
P.O. Box 359, 7 Milne Street,
Minden, Ontario. KOM 2K0

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MINDEN HILLS

NOTICE (File No. SRA-01-11) **Applicant – LOIS AND GRANT GAMBLE**

IN THE MATTER OF the Municipal Act; and

IN THE MATTER OF a proposed by-law of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills to stop up, close and convey to the adjoining landowner, portions of the original shore road allowance along the shore of DAVIS LAKE, lying in front of Lot 10, Concession 2, in the geographic Township of Lutterworth.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 300(1)(a) of the Municipal Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended, that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills proposes to consider, and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Milne Street, Minden, Ontario, on Thursday, January 24, 2002 at the hour of 10:00 a.m., a by-law to stop up, close and convey those parcels of land more particularly described as follows:-

Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of DAVIS LAKE, lying in front of Lot 10, Concession 2, geographic Township of Lutterworth, designated as Part 1 on a Plan of Survey 19R-7173, registered September 20, 2001.

The plan of survey is available for inspection in the former Lutterworth Municipal Office, Hwy. #35 South of Minden, Ontario during regular office hours.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that before passing the said by-law at the meeting to be held at the time and place above-mentioned, the Council shall then and there, hear in person or by his or her counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his or her land will be prejudicially affected by the said by-law and who applies to be heard.

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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MINDEN HILLS

NOTICE (File No. SR-19-00) **Applicant – TOM HARASTI**

IN THE MATTER OF the Municipal Act; and

IN THE MATTER OF a proposed by-law of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills to stop up, close and convey to the adjoining landowner, portions of the original shore road allowance along the shore of NORTH PIGEON LAKE, lying in front of Lot 11, Concession 13, in the geographic Township of Lutterworth.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 300(1)(a) of the Municipal Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended, that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills proposes to consider, and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Milne Street, Minden, Ontario, on Thursday, January 24, 2002 at the hour of 10:00 a.m., a by-law to stop up, close and convey those parcels of land more particularly described as follows:-

Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of NORTH PIGEON LAKE, lying in front of Lot 11, Concession 13, geographic Township of Lutterworth, designated as Part 1 on a Plan of Survey 19R-7185, registered October 15, 2001.

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DATED AT THE Township of Minden Hills, this 24th day of December, 2001.

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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MINDEN HILLS

NOTICE (File No. SR-20-00) **Applicant – TOM HARASTI**

IN THE MATTER OF the Municipal Act; and

IN THE MATTER OF a proposed by-law of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills to stop up, close and convey to the adjoining landowner, portions of the original shore road allowance along the shore of NORTH PIGEON LAKE, lying in front of Lot 12, Concession 13, in the geographic Township of Lutterworth.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 300(1)(a) of the Municipal Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended, that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills proposes to consider, and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Milne Street, Minden, Ontario, on Thursday, January 24, 2002 at the hour of 10:00 a.m., a by-law to stop up, close and convey those parcels of land more particularly described as follows:-

Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of NORTH PIGEON LAKE, lying in front of Lot 12, Concession 13, geographic Township of Lutterworth, designated as Part 1 on a Plan of Survey 19R-7182, registered October 10, 2001.

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AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that before passing the said by-law at the meeting to be held at the time and place above-mentioned, the Council shall then and there, hear in person or by his or her counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his or her land will be prejudicially affected by the said by-law and who applies to be heard.

DATED AT THE Township of Minden Hills, this 24th day of December, 2001.

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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MINDEN HILLS

NOTICE (File No. SR-25-00) **Applicant – GAIL ROTTIERS**

IN THE MATTER OF the Municipal Act; and

IN THE MATTER OF a proposed by-law of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills to stop up, close and convey to the adjoining landowner, portions of the original shore road allowance along the shore of SOUTH BEAVER LAKE, lying in front of Lot 21, Concession 3, in the geographic Township of Lutterworth.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 300(1)(a) of the Municipal Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended, that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills proposes to consider, and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Milne Street, Minden, Ontario, on Thursday, January 24, 2002 at the hour of 10:00 a.m., a by-law to stop up, close and convey those parcels of land more particularly described as follows:-

Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of SOUTH BEAVER LAKE, lying in front of Lot 21, Concession 3, geographic Township of Lutterworth, designated as Part 1 on a Plan of Survey 19R-7179, registered October 10, 2001.

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AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that before passing the said by-law at the meeting to be held at the time and place above-mentioned, the Council shall then and there, hear in person or by his or her counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his or her land will be prejudicially affected by the said by-law and who applies to be heard.

DATED AT THE Township of Minden Hills, this 24th day of December, 2001.

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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MINDEN HILLS

NOTICE (File No. SR-31-00) **Applicant – MARION LARocca**

IN THE MATTER OF the Municipal Act; and

IN THE MATTER OF a proposed by-law of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills to stop up, close and convey to the adjoining landowner, portions of the original shore road allowance along the shore of GULL LAKE, lying in front of Lot 16, Concession 7, in the geographic Township of Lutterworth.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 300(1)(a) of the Municipal Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended, that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills proposes to consider, and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Milne Street, Minden, Ontario, on Thursday, January 24, 2002 at the hour of 10:00 a.m., a by-law to stop up, close and convey those parcels of land more particularly described as follows:-

Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of GULL LAKE, lying in front of Lot 16, Concession 7, geographic Township of Lutterworth, designated as Part 1 on a Plan of Survey 19R-7189, registered October 23, 2001.

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AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that before passing the said by-law at the meeting to be held at the time and place above-mentioned, the Council shall then and there, hear in person or by his or her counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his or her land will be prejudicially affected by the said by-law and who applies to be heard.

DATED AT THE Township of Minden Hills, this 24th day of December, 2001.

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